

CLIFTON STRIKERS ASK FEDERAL PROBE; MERCHANTS BACK THEM UP

Petitions Now Circulating Ask for Investigation; Petitions of Merchants Assert That Wages Are Too Low; Strikers Are Operating All Public Utility Plants and Making Railroad Repairs for Companies.

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CLIFTON, Ariz., Oct. 16.—Petitions for a federal investigation into strike conditions in the Clifton-Morenci district were being signed today in the three copper camps. They were instituted by the strike executive committee, which decided a personal investigation on the ground by Joseph H. Myers, representing the department of labor, now at Phoenix, was desirable, no matter what the result of the committee negotiations in El Paso.

The miners' petition reads: "We, the undersigned, being the former employees of the Arizona Copper company, the Shannon Copper company and the Detroit Copper company, in part, and wishing to set public opinion right in regard to the wages and working conditions in the Clifton-Morenci and Metcalf mining and smelting district and to cause such influences as we may be able to bring to bear on the management of the mines, hereby petition you to come to this district and investigate this matter personally."

A similar petition signed by the business men of the district, contains the following clause: "We believe the wage and working conditions in this district should be changed and we believe the men who work for the mining companies in this district are underpaid and that they are used in such a manner as to warrant a federal investigation."

The petitions are to be forwarded to Myers through Governor Hunt, probably tonight. It was anticipated that the miners' petition would be signed by about 4000, while the merchants' petition would carry all or nearly all firm names.

Strikers Operate Plants. Under the direction of sheriff J. G. Cook, striking union men of Clifton and Morenci are operating the public utilities, with the exception of the water plant here, which is privately owned in the sense that it is not a mining company property.

The Arizona Copper company's electric light plant has been taken over by the strikers. The numbers of men keeping up steam in the power plant, principally to blow the fire whistle in case of need. The numbers of men working conditions in the Clifton-Morenci and Metcalf mining and smelting district and to cause such influences as we may be able to bring to bear on the management of the mines, hereby petition you to come to this district and investigate this matter personally."

Keep Trains Moving. In addition, union men are keeping the Arizona and New Mexico trains running between Lordsburg and Clifton by making such repairs as are necessary, though no new work is undertaken. This step has been taken by the strikers in order to preserve train service for the public convenience and to insure the transportation of the mails.

The procedure in the railroad repair work shows the unity of the men. According to chairman Halter, roundhouse foreman John McLaughlin calls for just as many men as he needs for repair work, explaining its nature. The men go to union headquarters, report the call and get the union's acquiescence before going to the shops to work.

Property Is Protected. All company property is being left

OPERATORS AND MINERS CONFER

The Peace Committee Meets Managers for First Time; Peace Terms Discussed

The peace conference between the committee representing the strikers of the Clifton-Morenci district and the mine managers, which has been delayed for more than a week, started at 10 o'clock Saturday morning in the office of the mine managers in the Hotel Paso del Norte. The committee, composed of G. Hollingsworth, J. S. Hughes, Henry Ealey, Rufino Garcia and Rudolfo Garcia, met with the managers for the first time Saturday and the conference is said to have started off peacefully.

Discussion was expected at the opening of the conference over the expected effort of Adm. Gen. C. W. Harris to enter the conference. Adm. Gen. Harris asked permission to attend the conference but, when the mine managers declined to give their permission, without objection, he withdrew. Attorney E. E. Ellwood, representing the operators, also withdrew and permitted the conference to be held between the committee and managers.

Possible Peace Terms. Although both the mine men and the operators decline to discuss any possible peace terms until after the conference has been concluded, it is understood that the miners will present demands that the minimum for miners will be \$3 a day and an additional \$1.25 per day for common laborers and \$2.25 for underground workers. The rate for mechanics is also said to have been fixed at some-

thing less than \$5 a day, probably \$4.50 a day. The men are also said to have a grievance against the operators in that the time consumed by them from going to the mouth of the mine to their places of employment was deducted and they were paid on a basis of 11-2 hours a day rather than the full eight hours. The men also object to the hospital fee of \$1 a day while confined in the company hospital, it is said.

The operators have made known nothing of their position in a possible settlement of the strike except that they would insist upon an elimination of the Western Federation of Miners from the strike zone before considering peace proposals. This point is said to have been conceded by the strikers. The conference adjourned at noon till 10 o'clock Monday morning. Only matters of organization and procedure were discussed, and it was agreed to take up the strikers' demands one by one Monday.

ORDERS REVOKED. DETAILS MADE IN THE ARMY ORDERS

Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—The following army orders have been issued: By direction of the president, Chas. B. P. Dugan, 15th cavalry, is detailed for service in quartermaster corps, effective Dec. 2, vice Capt. George F. Hamilton, quartermaster, relieved and assigned to the 15th cavalry, to take effect on that date.

Orders of Sept. 2, relating to Capt. Jean Bugge, 21st infantry, are revoked and that officer will proceed to Hot Springs, Ark., and report to commanding officer, army and navy general hospital for treatment.

Orders of Sept. 1, relating to Capt. W. L. Pyle, medical corps, are amended to direct that officer to proceed at once to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for duty.

Second Lieut. W. H. Wilbur, upon arrival in the United States, will proceed to West Point for duty at the military academy. Orders of Sept. 1, relating to Second Lieut. J. C. Wirth, Fifth Field artillery, are revoked.

Orders of absence: Capt. W. R. McCook, quartermaster corps, one month; First Lieut. F. E. Wing, dental surgeon, one month.

Mattresses renovated. Ph. 3399.—Adv.

JURY COMPLETE FOR TRIAL OF NEW HAVEN DIRECTORS

New York, Oct. 16.—The selection of a jury to try Wm. Rockefeller, Lewis Cass Ledyard, Edward D. Robinson and eight other directors, past and present, of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, on the charge of conspiring to monopolize the transportation traffic of New England, was completed yesterday. The 12 men represented the painstaking sifting of nearly 250 talesmen.

The case was adjourned until Monday after Judge Hunt in announcing that the jurors would not be kept in the custody of the court, delivered what was regarded by many as an unusually solemn warning upon "the importance of circumspection, in their conduct. He told them they were to allow no one to approach them on any phase of this case, emphasizing at the same time the importance of the matters under consideration."

SCHMIDT'S LAWYER DIES; WIDOW ASKS AUTOPSY

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 16.—Former Judge Charles H. Schmidt, chief counsel for Matthew A. Schmidt, on trial for murder in connection with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building, died here last night at a hospital. The cause of death was determined by physicians.

Mrs. Charles Schmidt arrived here today from San Francisco and ordered an autopsy on the body of her husband. His death, after a brief illness, puzzled physicians.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WON MANY PRIZES AT DENVER

Exhibits in the display made by the El Paso chamber of commerce at the International Soil Products exposition at Denver won many good prizes. A list of the prize winners in the El Paso exhibit shows the following:

R. R. Stevens, Camulillo, Texas, best bushel of spring wheat, third prize.
T. D. Forcher, Toledo, Texas, best black-eyed peas, best half bushel yellow onions, second prize; best green chiles, three Kleckley sweet watermelons, first prize; best Teguay beans, second prize; three cantaloupes, third prize.

Alfred R. Rolfe, Camulillo, Texas, 18 heads brown Durum, dry farmed alfalfa, second prize.
T. E. Gibbons, Clint, Texas, 28 heads millet, second prize.

Carl Lenczner, Camulillo, Texas, 1 vine Spanish peanuts, second prize.
Turner & Worsham, El Paso, Texas, one bushel alfalfa, first prize; silver cup.
T. Rouault, Las Cruces, N. M., six egg plants, first prize; 12 green peppers, second prize.

O. P. White, Toledo, Texas, six citrons, second prize; watermelons, three any other variety, third.
J. R. Carpenter, Toledo, Texas, half bushel sweet potatoes, second.

Oasis Farm Co., Anthony, N. M., three rattlesnake watermelons, first.
J. R. Corbett, Arisles, N. M., plates of Arkansas black apples, Champion, Gans, first; Grimes, Golden, third; Ingram, Mammoth, Black, second; Mission, Pippin, Stark, Fameuse, Hayman, Winthrop, Winthrop, Smith, Cider, York Imperial, best ten plates different kind, second.

M. L. Cadwallader, Toledo, Texas, sweet-stakes on grapes, medal and ribbon; Cornish, Black Hamburg, Rose of Peru, Thompson Seedling, first; Flame Tokay, third; Sweetstake on plums, medal and ribbon.
M. L. Cadwallader, Toledo, Texas, Lombard plums, Paven Seedling, English Buge, first; quince, third.

Capt. Van Gies, La Colon, N. M., sweet-stakes on peaches, medal and ribbon.
C. O. Coffin, Clint, Texas, sweetstake on pears, medal and ribbon.
For the best exhibit by an association or society the El Paso chamber of commerce won a silver cup, medal and ribbon, at second prize.
J. R. Cecil won 200 budded five foot Gano apple trees for the finest plate of Gano apples in the exposition and the budded apple trees of any variety for the best ten case back in the show.

CHARGED WITH DISCHARGING PISTOL. T. L. SEARLE ARRESTED

T. L. Searle was arrested Friday night on the charge of discharging a pistol within the city limits.

Rita Serna was arrested on a charge of having brass knuckles in his possession. Augustin Contreras was arrested Saturday morning near the Santa Fe bridge on a charge of having a pistol in his possession.

LINCOLN PARK SCHOOL TO REOPEN MONDAY AFTER REPAIRS

Miss Katherine Harper, principal of Lincoln Park school, announces that classes will be resumed Monday morning after an interruption of two weeks while an addition is being built. School will continue in the regular place for a week and will then be transferred to Washington park while the buildings are being completed.

SIX VILLA SOLDIERS ARE ARRESTED AS VAGRANTS

Six Mexicans, said to be Villa soldiers, were arrested by the police Friday night on vagrancy charges.

Manuel and Federico Mendoza, said by the police to have been connected with a gambling house in Juarez, were also arrested on vagrancy charges and their bonds fixed at \$400 which they gave.

RAILROAD MAN PROMOTED.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 16.—J. F. Murphy, general superintendent of the eastern district of the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain system, yesterday was appointed general manager of the system to succeed J. W. Higgin, who resigned to accept the presidency of the General Managers' association and to become executive secretary of the Association of Western Railways. Mr. Murphy began his railroad career as a yard clerk.

'The Popular's' Silk Week

Beginning Monday, October 18th, at 8:30 A. M.

THOUSANDS of yards of magnificent silks, velvets and satins in a great six-day event that will eclipse all El Paso's merchandise events of the 1915 season.

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Extra salespeople will be provided in order to give prompt service. These values will surely bring a throng of buyers to the store Monday, so we urge early buying. See Mesa Avenue Window Displays.

5000 Yards of Lovely Silks at About Half Price

WE bought these 23 to 27-inch silk taffetas and satins at about half price and pass them on to you at the same saving. There are both plain and fancy effects. These will be displayed on table number one for easy selection. Choose from the lot Monday while the assortment lasts. at a yard, only. 49c



New Black Silks At Pleasing Prices

BLACK CHIFFON FAILE—36 inches wide, in a weight for suits, at a yard, \$1.89; 36 inches wide in a dress weight, at \$1.39, and 34 inches wide, in a dress weight, at a yard, \$1.19.
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BLACK SATIN FRANCAISE—For dress purposes. Very soft grade, 36 inches wide. "Silk Week," a yard, \$1.89.

Crepe de Chine, Crepe Meteor And Silk and Wool Poppins

ALL SILK CREPE DE CHINE—40 inches wide. Shown in extra heavy weight, suitable for dress purposes. This is an unusual offer for this weight crepe. Shown in 20 shades. Yd., 98c.

CREPE DE CHINE & CREPE METEOR—In splendid weight and finish for dress wear. Here in all wanted shades. This silk shows a great saving in price. Yd., \$1.39.

CREPE DE CHINE—42 inches wide. Suitable for street wear. A wonderfully strong, heavy weave, in the subdued street tones. Yd., \$1.89.

3000 Yards of 36 Inch Silks, At a Yard, 85c These Silks Are Worth Twice The Sale Price

ABOUT three thousand yards of 36-inch Silks will be thrown out on table number two. This lot includes many of the season's most wanted silks, in both plain and fancy effects. Many beautiful dresses will be selected from this table. These fabrics are broken lots and were purchased at about half price. The same ratio of savings is passed on to our customers. Buy as much as you like, at a yard, 85c.

With These Prices You Should Make This Home Dressmaking Week



WHETHER it is a waist, a skirt, a smart street suit or something pretty for afternoon wear—whatever it is, plan to make something this week. Whether you do your own sewing or employ a dressmaker, be sure to take advantage of this event.

Georgette Crepe at \$1.00 a Yard Only a Limited Amount to Be Had

WE are showing a perfectly wonderful quality of 40-inch Georgette Crepe, in a full color range, at \$1.00 a yard. This is not a chiffon, but a distinctive Georgette Crepe that cannot be matched at the price.

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green, Hague blue, indigo, black-berry, navy and black. A very special value, at \$3.00 a yard.

LINING SATIN—36 inch Skinner's all silk, guaranteed lining satin, in all shades. Special, at a yard, \$1.39.

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